



Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2014
AUC 134, 11:00am

Present - Drew Eli, Kathy Engle, Sean Garnes, Alexandra Lampert, Mary Roberts, Adam Schreiber, Tamara Miller-Glahn

Treasurer's Report - The balance is \$887.50. December charges have not posted yet.

Website Review - The committee discussed having a rotating banner with Veteran's Day, Stuff the Bus, and Winterfest photographs. If anyone has other photos, please notify JJ and Alexandra.

Committee Reports –

- Benefits - Next meeting on 1/21
- Budget - Next meeting on 1/9. The last meeting focused more on how the university is looking into budgeting differently.
- By-laws - Nothing to discuss at this point.
- Christmas Luncheon - The luncheon was discussed. Everyone enjoyed it, but the height of the poinsettias, which discouraged discussion, and the speakers during the singer's performance were mentioned.
- Distinguished Staff Awards - No one present from this group.
- Habitat for Humanity - Adam participated in the build. He will also look into other opportunities with Habitat for Humanity.
- Long Range Planning - No one present from LRPC, but the committee is currently focusing on Key Performance Indicators.
- Parking - Last meeting was 11/22. New signs have been erected in the Columbia Center lot; carpool sign consistency has been fixed; tree trimming will occur to unblock cameras; several cameras will be upgraded; decal prices are going up; and ticket fees increase next year. There was discussion about adding a crosswalk near the Scandinavian Cultural Center across the street, but it is expensive, for a variety of reasons.
- Parking Appeals - Last meeting was end of November. Next meeting is the first week of February. The physical amount of tickets has not gone down.
- Retirement - No one present from this group.
- Spring Event - Kathy will send out an email to gather the committee to discuss options for the event. Alexandra will send her what information she has on past events.
- Welcome to PLU - No Report

Guest Speaker - Elisabeth Ward, Director, Scandinavian Cultural Center

- The session began with a summary of who each person in ASC represents, as well as Elisabeth's background.
- History of the Scandinavian Cultural Center (SCC)
 - PLU has a long Scandinavian/Nordic presence on campus.
 - 1970s a Scandinavian Area Studies program was started.
 - Auden Toven was instrumental in working towards the creation of the SCC.
 - 1983-1985 consisted of a concentrated effort to raise funds for the SCC and in 1989 the SCC was dedicated. (The remainder of the basement of the AUC was finished due directly to the SCC.)
- Current Events in the SCC
 - Annual Events:
 - Sankta Lucia Festival
 - Norwegian Heritage Festival
 - Swedish Heritage Festival
 - Nordic Film Series
 - Norwegian Language Christmas Service
 - Monthly Events:
 - Danish Sangeaften
 - Norwegian Cooking Classes (\$5)
 - Swedish Cooking Classes (\$5)
 - Lectures
 - Folkart Classes
- Constituents consist of:
 - Members of the community with Scandinavian heritage.
 - PLU Alumni
 - Scandinavian Students
 - Students in Scandinavian Studies programs
 - There are about 300 members with 20 that serve on the council.
 - There is one full time person (Elisabeth) and several student workers.
- Resources
 - The SCC has about 3000 artifacts.
 - Almost all have been donated by members.
 - The sale of a select few of these items has helped in adding to the operating budget and endowments.
- Upcoming Changes
 - Elisabeth is looking to change some of the exhibits, getting more student involvement, as well as remodeling the SCC. She would also like to create a closer integration with many of the PLU communities.
- Membership
 - The cost of membership is \$25 (individual) and \$35 (family) annually. The SCC is free to the PLU community.
- During the question and answer period, it was discussed that Elisabeth is focusing on using Facebook and will be working on Twitter feeds as well. It was suggested that events be added to the KPLU calendar and may be mentioned on air, as well.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 12, 11am, AUC 134

Meeting adjourned 12:07pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alexandra Lampert.